(b) whether Government have accorded sanction and allotted funds to the State for the same; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the non-allotment; and

(c) the amount proposed to be allotted to Kerala for undertaking the above project and whether the State has initiated any steps to implement the same during the coming academic year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) District-wise Plans for all the 14 districts for implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Kerala for the year 2001-2002 have been received. The plans have been appraised by the Ministry and approved by the Project Approval Board; and a sum of Rs. 253.01 lakhs for 6 DPEP districts and Rs. 2119.97 lakhs for the remaining 8 non-DPEP districts have been sanctioned for the financial year 2001-2002 and the funds are being released during the current financial year itself.

Educational Schemes for Minorities

1389. SHRI A1MADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of educational schemes and programmes prepared in furtherance of Fifteen Point Programme for the minorities;

(b) whether these programmes are now being dumped;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if not, the achievements made during the last two years and the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (d) Government implements several educational schemes for the development of minorities.

Under Point 11 of the 15 Point Programme for Minorities, the University Grants Commission implements the scheme of Coaching classes for Weaker sections amongst the educationally Backward Communities. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to colleges and universities to organise classes to prepare students for different competitive examinations so that they can eventually find some gainful employment. At present 58 institutions implement the scheme.

Under Point 12 of the 15 Point Programme, Government implements the scheme of Community Polytechnics under which in 37 Districts, all identified as having a significant minority population, polytechnics provide basic technical and entrepreneurial training to help trainees gain suitable employment.

In addition, government also implements two other schemes that benefit the educationally backward minority community.

(i) Under the area Intensive Programmes for Educationally Backward Minorities, funds are provided to the state governments for the infrastructural development of those 325 blocks identified as having a significantly high minority population. These funds are utilised for building schools and hostels, and for providing teaching-learning material and furniture;

(ii) Under the Modernisation of Madrasa Scheme, funds are provided to the state governments for the salaries of teachers to teach in madrasas modem secular subjects like Maths, Social Studies, etc.; and to provide science kits and book-banks.

None of these programmes are being discontinued.

Details of amount allocated under the schemes in the last three years are given in the statement.

Statement

The scheme-wise budget during the last two years and for the current year

(Rs. in crore)

Name of the Scheme	1999-2000 BE	2000-2001 BE	2001-2002 BE
I. Coaching Classes for the weaker Sections amongst Educationally Backward Minorities.	0.50	1.00	1.00
2. Community Polytechnic (the figures available are for the scheme as a whole; separate figures for particular social groups are not maintained).	51.80	52.70	52.90

	Name of the Scheme	1999-2000 BE	2000-2001 BE	2001-2002 BE
3.	Area Intensive Programme for Educationally Backward Minorities.	15.00	18.00	20.00
4.	Financial assistance for the Modernisation of Madrasas.	10.00	12.00	10.50

Salary to staffs of Gandhian Institute of Studies, Varanasi

1390. SHRI KULDIPNAYYAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the staff of Gandhian Institute of Studies, Varanasi, has not been paid salary since November-December, 2000;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reasons for which the Gandhian institutions are being singled out for discrimination by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]. (a) and (b) As informed by ICSSR, the staff of the Gandhian Institute of Studies, Varanasi, has not been paid salary since November-December, 2000 due to the following reasons:

(i) GIS, Varanasi, is funded by ICSSR and Govt, of Uttar Pradesh on 50:50 basis. During the special audit conducted by the Government of Uttar Pradesh on the directions of Hon'ble High Court of Allahabad, serious financial, academic and administrative irregularities were found. Grants to the Institute were kept in abeyance pending enquiry into allegations of financial irregularities and also violation of the various provisions of the Societies Registration Act of 1860.

(ii) The Registrar, Chit Firms and Societies, Govt, of Uttar Pradesh has not renewed registration of the Institute for violation of various provisions of the Societies Registration Act of 1860. This matter is also subjudice.

(iii) The employees of GIS, Varanasi, have moved the High Court of Allahabad and the matter is subjudice.